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Student Nominations Sought for 'Green' Art Contest

Program to recognize high school artists

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 11, 2010) -- The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is accepting entries for the 2010 Green Art Contest. Up to eight awards will be presented to eligible Kentucky high school juniors and seniors who created art using the contest themes of natural resources and environmental management. Students may submit painting/printwork, sculpture, pottery and photographs, with one winner for each submitted art type within each category.

"The purpose of the contest is to encourage high school students to think about the environment and inspire them to include the environment in their artwork," said R. Bruce Scott, DEP commissioner.

Artwork from the 2009 contest winners is displayed in the DEP Training Center in Frankfort, where it has been viewed by hundreds of visitors.

"Artists have historically been trailblazers, and I have no doubt that our young creators will design beautiful, thought-provoking pieces about Kentucky's natural resources," said First Lady Jane Beshear. "I encourage high school juniors and seniors to participate and share their visions with the Commonwealth."

Contest entries are being accepted until 4:30 p.m. EDT, Sept. 15, 2010. Entry forms must be e-mailed to marlene.boyle@ky.gov. A digital picture of each entry must accompany each form submitted.

Eligible students include junior and seniors for the 2010 academic year. Winners will receive free registration to the Governor's Conference on the Environment and be invited to the awards presentation scheduled during that conference, which will be held on Oct. 20–21, 2010,

in Louisville. Winning entries will be displayed in the DEP Training Center at 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort.

For more information about the green art contest and to access an entry form, visit http://www.dca.ky.gov/ or call the Division of Compliance Assistance toll-free at 800-926-8111.